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In the Application of: Robert Joseph Statz

CASE NO: AD6731 US NA

APPLICATION NO.: 09/558,894

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EXAMINER: Buttner D.

FOR: HIGHLY-NEUTRALIZED ETHYLENE COPOLYMERS

AMENDMENT IN SUPPORT OF RCE

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action dated August 22, 2002, concerning the above-identified application, please amend the application according to the following instructions and favorable consider the enclosed remarks. A petition for an addition two-month extension of time to respond is included as a separate document. Please charge any fee associated with this amendment and Extension of Time to E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Company Deposit Account 04-1928. If there are any other charges, please charge to E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Company Deposit Account 04-1928.

In the claims:

Please amend Claims 1, 7 and 10 to read as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A thermoplastic composition that is melt-processable consisting essentially of (a) from 20 to 45 weight percent aliphatic, mono-functional organic acid(s) having fewer than 36 carbon atoms; and (b) ethylene, C<sub>3</sub> to C<sub>8</sub>  $\alpha,\beta$  ethylenically unsaturated carboxylic acid copolymer(s), wherein greater than 90% of all the acid of (a) and (b) is neutralized.

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